

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Leonard and Mary Van Overschelde exchanged their wedding vows on November 28, 1939, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

*Whereas*, Leonard and Mary Van Overschelde gave life and love to 12 children, David, Eugene, Margaret, Janet, Phyllis, Darrel, Virgil, Patricia, Beverly, Eileen, Betty and Loren, and they in turn presented them with 23 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Leonard loved farming and working with livestock, while Mary liked helping on the farm, going to dances, cooking and attending baseball games with Leonard; and,

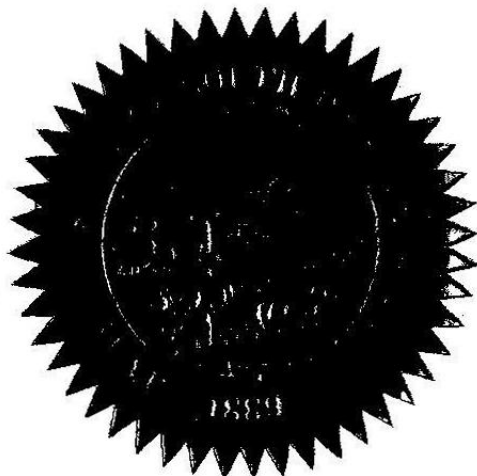
*Whereas*, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Leonard and Mary have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

*Whereas*, Leonard and Mary will observe their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as their friends and relatives gather to honor them on Sunday, November 14, 2004, to celebrate their lives and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of these two people who have lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

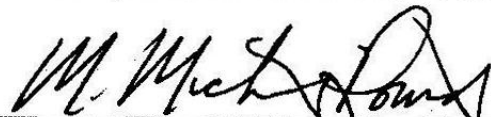
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 28, 2004, as


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in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:  
  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State